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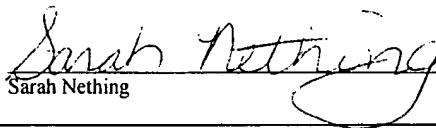
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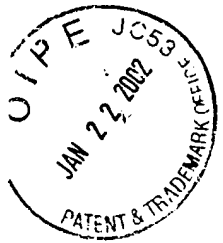
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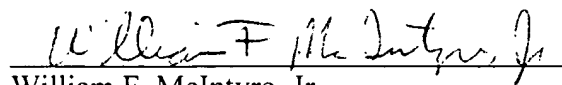
Dear Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2001. Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, and without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, (claims 1-16 and 22) for prosecution in the instant application. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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